

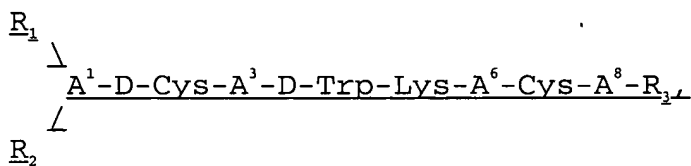
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**COMPLETE LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS, WITH MARKINGS AND STATUS IDENTIFIERS**  
(Amendments are illustrated by showing deletions by ~~striking through~~ or by double brackets for deletions of five or fewer characters and additions by underlining)

Claims 1-17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (currently amended): A compound of ~~claim 2,~~  
the formula:



wherein

A<sup>1</sup> is a D- or L-isomer of an aromatic amino acid or is  
deleted;

A<sup>3</sup> is an aromatic amino acid;

A<sup>6</sup> is Thr, Thr(Bzl), Gly, Ser, an Eaa or an aliphatic amino  
acid;

A<sup>8</sup> is a D- or L-isomer selected from the group consisting of  
Thr, Ser, an aromatic amino acid or an aliphatic amino acid;

each of R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> is, independently, H or substituted or  
unsubstituted lower alkyl, aryl, aryl lower alkyl, heterocycle,  
heterocycle lower alkyl, E<sub>1</sub>SO<sub>2</sub> or E<sub>1</sub>CO wherein E<sub>1</sub> is aryl, aryl  
lower alkyl, heterocycle or heterocycle lower alky and said  
substituent is halo, lower alkyl, hydroxy, halo lower alkyl or  
hydroxy lower alkyl; and

R<sub>3</sub>, together with the carbonyl group of A<sup>8</sup> attached thereto, are reduced to form H, lower alkyl, or hydroxy lower alkyl;

provided that a disulfide bond links the sidechains of A<sup>2</sup> and A<sup>7</sup> and

further provided that if A<sup>1</sup> is D-Phe or p-NO<sub>2</sub>-Phe, A<sup>3</sup> is Phe or Tyr and A<sup>6</sup> is Thr or Val, then A<sup>8</sup> is β-Nal.

19 (currently amended): A compound of claim 18, wherein A<sup>1</sup> is the D- or L-isomer of β-Nal, o-X-Phe ~~(where wherein~~ X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>), ~~p-X-Phe~~ p-X-Phe ~~(where wherein~~ X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>), m-X-Phe ~~(where wherein~~ X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>), F<sub>5</sub>-Phe, Trp, Dip, 2-Pal, Tyr(Bzl), His, Igl, Tyr(I), Bta, Bip, Npa, or Pal; A<sup>3</sup> is β-Nal, o-X-Phe ~~(where wherein~~ X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>), p-X-Phe ~~(where wherein~~ X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>), m-X-Phe ~~(where wherein~~ X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>), F<sub>5</sub>-Phe, Trp, Dip, 2-Pal, Tyr(Bzl), His, Igl, Tyr(I), Bta, Bip, Npa, or Pal; A<sup>6</sup> is Thr, Ser, Tle, Thr(Bzl), Abu, Ala, Ile, Leu, Gly, Nle, β-Ala, Gaba, or Val; and A<sup>8</sup> is the D- or L-isomer of Thr, Dip, F<sub>5</sub>-Phe, p-X-Phe ~~(where wherein~~ X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>), o-X-Phe ~~(where wherein~~ X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>), m-X-Phe ~~(where wherein~~ X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>), Igl, Tyr(Bzl), or β-Nal.

20 (original): A compound of claim 19, wherein A<sup>1</sup> is the D- or L-isomer of  $\beta$ -Nal, Phe, p-F-Phe, Trp, p-Cl-Phe, or p-CN-Phe; A<sup>3</sup> is Tyr, Tyr (I), or Pal; A<sup>6</sup> is Val, Tle, Nle, Ile, or Leu; A<sup>8</sup> is p-F-Phe,  $\beta$ -Nal, Tyr, Dip, p-Cl-Phe, Igl, or p-CN-Phe; R<sub>1</sub> is H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO, 4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1'-piperazinylacetyl, or 4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperizineethanesulfonyl; R<sub>2</sub> is H, and R<sub>3</sub>, together with the carboxy group of A<sup>8</sup> attached thereto, are reduced to form H or CH<sub>3</sub>OH.

21 (original): A compound of claim 20, wherein A<sup>3</sup> is Pal.

22 (currently amended): A compound of claim 19, of the formula:

H<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-(2R, 3R-(2-hydroxymethyl)-3-hydroxy)propylamide;

(H) (CH<sub>3</sub>CO)- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-(2R, 3R-(2-hydroxymethyl)-3-hydroxy)propylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinylacetyl)- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-(2R, 3R-(2-hydroxymethyl)-3-hydroxy)propylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperizineethanesulfonyl)- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-(2R, 3R-(2-hydroxymethyl)-3-hydroxy)propylamide;

H<sub>2</sub>[[,]]- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-(2R, 3R-(2-hydroxymethyl)-3-hydroxy)propylamide;

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(H) (CH<sub>3</sub>CO) -β-Nal-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-(2R, 3R- (2-hydroxymethyl) -3-hydroxy) propylamide;

(H) (4- (2-hydroxyethyl) -1-piperazinylacetyl) -β-Nal-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-(2R, 3R- (2-hydroxymethyl) -3-hydroxy) propylamide;

(H) (4- (2-hydroxyethyl) -1-piperizineethanesulfonyl) -β-Nal-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-(2R, 3R- (2-hydroxymethyl) -3-hydroxy) propylamide;

H<sub>2</sub>-β-Nal-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-(2R, 3R- (2-hydroxymethyl) -3-hydroxy) propylamide;

(H) (CH<sub>3</sub>CO) -β-Nal-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-(2R, 3R- (2-hydroxymethyl) -3-hydroxy) propylamide;

(H) (4- (2-hydroxyethyl) -1-piperazinylacetyl) -β-Nal-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-(2R, 3R- (2-hydroxymethyl) -3-hydroxy) propylamide;

(H) (4- (2-hydroxyethyl) -1-piperizineethanesulfonyl) -β-Nal-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-(2R, 3R- (2-hydroxymethyl) -3-hydroxy) propylamide;

H<sub>2</sub>-β-Nal-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-(2R, 3R- (2-hydroxymethyl) -3-hydroxy) propylamide;

(H) (CH<sub>3</sub>CO) -β-Nal-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-(2R, 3R- (2-hydroxymethyl) -3-hydroxy) propylamide;

(H) (4- (2-hydroxyethyl) -1-piperazinylacetyl) -β-Nal-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-(2R, 3R- (2-hydroxymethyl) -3-hydroxy) propylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperizineethanesulfonyl)- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-(2R, 3R-(2-hydroxymethyl)-3-hydroxy)propylamide;

H<sub>2</sub>-Phe-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-(2R, 3R-(2-hydroxymethyl)-3-hydroxy)propylamide;

(H) (CH<sub>3</sub>CO) Phe-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-(2R, 3R-(2-hydroxymethyl)-3-hydroxy)propylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinyllacetyl) Phe-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-(2R, 3R-(2-hydroxymethyl)-3-hydroxy)propylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperizineethanesulfonyl) Phe-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-(2R, 3R-(2-hydroxymethyl)-~~3-hydroxy~~ 3-hydroxy)propylamide;

H<sub>2</sub>-Phe-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-(2R, 3R-(~~2-hydroxymethyl~~ 2-hydroxymethyl)-3-hydroxy)propylamide;

H(CH<sub>3</sub>CO) Phe-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-(2R, 3R-(~~2-hydroxymethyl~~ 2-hydroxymethyl)-3-hydroxy)propylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinyllacetyl) Phe-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-(2R, 3R-(2-hydroxymethyl)-3-hydroxy)propylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperizineethanesulfonyl) Phe-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-(2R, 3R-(2-hydroxymethyl)-3-hydroxy)propylamide;

H<sub>2</sub>-Phe-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-(2R, 3R-(~~2-hydroxymethyl~~ 2-hydroxymethyl)-3-hydroxy)propylamide;

(H) (CH<sub>3</sub>CO) Phe-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-(2R, 3R-(2-hydroxymethyl)-3-hydroxy)propylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinylacetyl) Phe-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-(2R, 3R-(2-hydroxymethyl)-3-hydroxy)propylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperizineethanesulfonyl) Phe-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-(2R, 3R-(2-hydroxymethyl)-3-hydroxy)propylamide;

H<sub>2</sub>-Phe-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-(2R, 3R-(2-hydroxymethyl)-3-hydroxy)propylamide;

(H) (CH<sub>3</sub>CO) Phe-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-(2R, 3R-(2-hydroxymethyl)-3-hydroxy)propylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinylacetyl) Phe-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-(2R, 3R-(2-hydroxymethyl)-3-hydroxy)propylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperizineethanesulfonyl) Phe-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-(2R, 3R-(2-hydroxymethyl)-3-hydroxy)propylamide;

H<sub>2</sub>-β-Nal-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-2R-(2-naphthyl)ethylamide;

(H) (CH<sub>3</sub>CO)-β-Nal-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-2R-(~~2-naphthyl~~  
2-naphthyl)ethylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinylacetyl)-β-Nal-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-2R-(2-naphthyl)ethylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperizineethanesulfonyl)-β-Nal-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-2R-(2-naphthyl)ethylamide;

H<sub>2</sub>-β-Nal-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-2R-(2-naphthyl)ethylamide;

(H) (CH<sub>3</sub>CO)-β-Nal-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-2R-(~~2-naphthyl~~  
2-naphthyl)ethylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinylacetyl)-β-Nal-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-2R-(2-naphthyl)ethylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperizineethanesulfonyl)- ~~$\beta$ -Nal~~  $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-2R-(2-naphthyl)ethylamide;

H<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-2R-(2-naphthyl)ethylamide;

(H) (CH<sub>3</sub>CO)- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-2R- (~~2-naphthyl~~  
2-naphthyl)ethylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinylacetyl)- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-2R-(2-naphthyl)ethylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperizineethanesulfonyl)- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-2R-(2-naphthyl)ethylamide;

H<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-2R-(2-naphthyl)ethylamide;

(H) (CH<sub>3</sub>CO)- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-2R- (~~2-naphthyl~~  
2-naphthyl)ethylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinylacetyl)- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-2R-(2-naphthyl)ethylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperizineethanesulfonyl)- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-2R-(2-naphthyl)ethylamide;

H<sub>2</sub>-Phe-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-2R-(2-naphthyl)ethylamide;

(H) (CH<sub>3</sub>CO) Phe-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-2R-(2-naphthyl)ethylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinylacetyl) Phe-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-2R-(2-naphthyl)ethylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperizineethanesulfonyl) Phe-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-2R-(2-naphthyl)ethylamide;

H<sub>2</sub>-Phe-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-2R-(2-naphthyl)ethylamide;

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(H) (CH<sub>3</sub>CO) Phe-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-2R- (~~2-naphthyl~~ 2-naphthyl) ethylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinylacetyl) Phe-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-2R- (2-naphthyl) ethylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperizineethanesulfonyl) Phe-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-2R- (2-naphthyl) ethylamide;

H<sub>2</sub>-Phe-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-2R- (2-naphthyl) ethylamide;

(H) (CH<sub>3</sub>CO) Phe-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-2R- (2-naphthyl) ethylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinylacetyl) Phe-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-2R- (2-naphthyl) ethylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperizineethanesulfonyl) Phe-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-2R- (2-naphthyl) ethylamide;

H<sub>2</sub>-Phe-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-2R- (2-naphthyl) ethylamide;

(H) (CH<sub>3</sub>CO) Phe-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-2R- (~~2-naphthyl~~ 2-naphthyl) ethylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinylacetyl) Phe-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-2R- (2-naphthyl) ethylamide;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperizineethanesulfonyl) Phe-D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-2R- (2-naphthyl) ethylamide;

H<sub>2</sub>-β-Nal-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Abu-Cys-2R- (2-naphthyl) ethylamide;

H<sub>2</sub>-Phe-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Abu-Cys-2R- (2-naphthyl) ethylamide;

H<sub>2</sub>-β-Nal-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Abu-Cys- (2R, 3R- (2-hydroxymethyl) -3-hydroxy) propylamide; or



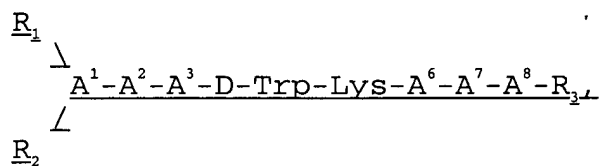
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H<sub>2</sub>-Phe-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Abu-Cys-(2R,3R-(2-hydroxymethyl)-  
3-hydroxy)propylamide;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

23 (currently amended): A compound of ~~claim 1~~, the formula:



wherein

A<sup>1</sup> is a D- or L-isomer of an aromatic amino acid, or is  
deleted;

[[A<sub>2</sub>]] A<sup>2</sup> is a D-aromatic amino acid or a D-aliphatic amino  
acid,

A<sup>3</sup> is an aromatic amino acid;

A<sup>6</sup> is Thr, Thr(Bzl), Gly, Ser, an Eaa, or an aliphatic amino  
acid;

[[A<sub>7</sub>]] A<sup>7</sup> is an aromatic amino acid or an aliphatic amino  
acid, and A<sub>4</sub> is D-trp;

A<sup>8</sup> is a D- or L-isomer selected from the group consisting of  
Thr, Ser, an aromatic amino acid, or an aliphatic amino acid;

each of R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> is, independently, H or substituted or  
unsubstituted lower alkyl, aryl, aryl lower alkyl, heterocycle,  
heterocycle lower alkyl, E<sub>1</sub>SO<sub>2</sub> or E<sub>1</sub>CO wherein E<sub>1</sub> is aryl, aryl  
lower alkyl, heterocycle, or heterocycle lower alky and said

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substituent is halo, lower alkyl, hydroxy, halo lower alkyl, or hydroxy lower alkyl; and

R<sub>3</sub> is OH, NH<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>1-12</sub> alkoxy, or NH-Y-CH<sub>2</sub>-Z, wherein Y is a C<sub>1-12</sub> hydrocarbon moiety and Z is H, OH, CO<sub>2</sub>H, or CONH<sub>2</sub>, or R<sub>3</sub>, together with the carbonyl group of A<sup>8</sup> attached thereto, are reduced to form H, lower alkyl, or hydroxy lower alkyl;

provided if A<sup>2</sup> is D-Cys or D-Pen and A<sup>7</sup> is Cys or Pen, then a disulfide bond links the sidechains of A<sup>2</sup> and A<sup>7</sup>, and

further provided that if A<sup>1</sup> is D-Phe or p-NO<sub>2</sub>-Phe, A<sup>2</sup> is D-Cys, A<sup>3</sup> is Phe or Tyr, A<sup>6</sup> is Thr or Val and A<sup>7</sup> is Cys, then A<sup>8</sup> is  $\beta$ -Nal.

24 (currently amended): A compound of claim 23, wherein A<sub>1</sub> A<sup>1</sup> is an L- amino acid and A<sub>2</sub> A<sup>2</sup> is a D-aromatic amino acid.

25 (currently amended): A compound of claim 24, wherein each of A<sub>1</sub> A<sup>1</sup>, A<sub>3</sub> A<sup>3</sup>, and A<sub>7</sub> A<sup>7</sup>, is, independently, ~~is~~  $\beta$ -Nal, o-X-Phe ~~(where~~ wherein X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN or NO<sub>2</sub>), p-X-Phe ~~(where~~ wherein X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN or NO<sub>2</sub>), m-X-Phe ~~(where~~ wherein X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>), F<sub>5</sub>-Phe, Trp, Dip, 2-Pal, Tyr(Bzl), His, Igl, Tyr(I), Bta, Bip, Npa, or Pal; A<sup>2</sup> is D- $\beta$ -Nal, D-o-X-Phe ~~(where~~ wherein X is H, OH CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>), D-p-X-Phe ~~(where~~ wherein X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>), D-m-X-Phe ~~(where~~ wherein X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>),

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D-F<sub>5</sub>-Phe, D-Trp, D-Dip, D-2-Pal, D-Tyr(Bzl), D-His, D-Igl, D-Tyr(I), ~~DBta~~ D-Bta, D-Bip, D-Npa, or D-Pal; A<sup>6</sup> is Thr, Ser, Tle, Thr(Bzl), Abu, Ala, Ile, Leu, Gly, Nle, β-Ala, Gaba, or Val; and A<sup>8</sup> is the D- or L-isomer of Thr, Dip, F<sub>5</sub>-Phe, p-X-Phe ~~(where~~ wherein X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>), o-X-Phe ~~(where~~ wherein X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>), m-X-Phe ~~(where~~ wherein X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>), Igl, Tyr (Bzl), or β-Nal.

26 (currently amended): A compound of claim 25, wherein A<sup>1</sup> is β-Nal or Phe, A<sup>2</sup> is D-Cpa or D-Phe; A<sup>3</sup> is Phe or Tyr; A<sup>6</sup> is Abu, Thr, or Val; A<sup>7</sup> is Phe; and A<sup>8</sup> is Thr; R<sub>1</sub> is H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO, 4-(~~2-hydroxyethyl~~ 2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinylacetyl, or 4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-~~1-piperizineethanesulfonyl~~ 1-piperizineethanesulfonyl; R<sub>2</sub> is H; and R<sub>3</sub> is NH<sub>2</sub>.

27 (currently amended): A compound of claim 25 of the formula:

H<sub>2</sub>-Phe-D-Phe-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;  
H<sub>2</sub>-Phe-D-Phe-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;  
H<sub>2</sub>-Phe-D-Cpa-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;  
H<sub>2</sub>-β-Nal-D-Cpa-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;  
(H) (CH<sub>3</sub>CO)-β-Nal-D-Cpa-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;  
(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinylacetyl)-β-Nal-~~D-Cpa~~ D-Cpa-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;

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(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperizineethanesulfonyl)- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cpa-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;

H<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cpa-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;

(H) (CH<sub>3</sub>CO)- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cpa-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinylacetyl)- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cpa-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperizineethanesulfonyl)- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cpa-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;

H<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cpa-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;

(H) (CH<sub>3</sub>CO)- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cpa-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinylacetyl)- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cpa ~~D-Cpa~~ D-Cpa-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperizineethanesulfonyl)- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cpa-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;

H<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cpa-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;

(H) (CH<sub>3</sub>CO)- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cpa-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinylacetyl)- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cpa-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperizineethanesulfonyl)- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cpa-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;

H<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cpa-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe- $\beta$ -Nal-NH<sub>2</sub>;

(H) (CH<sub>3</sub>CO)- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cpa-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe- $\beta$ -Nal-NH<sub>2</sub>;

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinylacetyl)- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cpa ~~D-Cpa~~ D-Cpa-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe- $\beta$ -Nal-NH<sub>2</sub>; ~~or~~

(H) (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperizineethanesulfonyl)- ~~$\beta$ -Nal~~  $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cpa-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe- $\beta$ -Nal-NH<sub>2</sub>;

H<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cpa-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe- $\beta$ -Nal-NH<sub>2</sub>[[~~-~~]]; or

H<sub>2</sub>- $\beta$ -Nal-D-Cpa-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>; or

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

28 (original): A compound of claim 23, wherein A<sup>1</sup> is a D-amino acid and A<sup>2</sup> is a D-aromatic amino acid.

29 (currently amended): A compound of claim 28, wherein each of A<sup>1</sup> and A<sup>2</sup>, is, independently, ~~is~~ D- $\beta$ -Nal, D-o-X-Phe ~~(where wherein~~ wherein X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>), D-p-X-Phe ~~(where wherein~~ wherein X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>), D-m-X-Phe ~~(where wherein~~ wherein X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>), D-F<sub>5</sub>-Phe, D-Trp, D-Dip, D-2-Pal, D-Tyr(Bzl), D-His, D-Igl, D-Tyr(I), D-Bta, D-Bip, D-Npa, or ~~D-Pal~~ D-Pal; each of A<sup>3</sup> and A<sup>7</sup>, is, independently, is  $\beta$ -Nal, o-X-Phe ~~(where wherein~~ wherein X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>), p-X-Phe ~~(where wherein~~ wherein X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>), m-X-Phe ~~(where wherein~~ wherein X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>), F<sub>5</sub>-Phe, Trp, Dip, 2-Pal, His, Igl, Tyr(I), Bta, Bip, Npa, Tyr(Bzl), or Pal; A<sup>6</sup> is Thr, Ser, Tle, Thr(Bzl), Abu, Ala, Ile, Leu, Gly, Nle,  $\beta$ -Ala, Gaba, or Val; and A<sup>8</sup> is the D- or L-isomer of Thr, Dip, F<sub>5</sub>-Phe, ~~p-X-Phe~~ p-X-Phe ~~(where wherein~~ wherein X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>), o-X-Phe ~~(where wherein~~ wherein X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>,

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CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>), m-X-Phe (~~where~~ wherein X is H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>, halo, OCH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, or NO<sub>2</sub>), Igl, Tyr(Bzl), or β-Nal.

30 (currently amended): A compound of claim 29, wherein A<sup>1</sup> is D-β-Nal or D-Phe; A<sup>2</sup> is D-Cpa or D-Phe; A<sup>3</sup> is Phe or Tyr; A<sup>6</sup> is Thr or Val; A<sup>7</sup> is Phe; ~~and~~ A<sup>8</sup> is Thr; R<sub>1</sub> is H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO, 4-(~~2-hydroxyethyl~~ 2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinylacetyl, or 4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-~~1-piperizineethanesulfonyl~~ 1-piperizineethanesulfonyl; R<sub>2</sub> is H; and R<sub>3</sub> is NH<sub>2</sub>.

31 (currently amended): A compound of claim 29 of the formula:

H<sub>2</sub>-D-β-Nal-D-Cpa-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;

H<sub>2</sub>-D-β-Nal-D-Phe-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;

H<sub>2</sub>-D-Phe-D-Phe-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;

H<sub>2</sub>-D-β-Nal-D-Cpa-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>; ~~or~~

H<sub>2</sub>-D-β-Nal-D-Cpa-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-β-Nal-NH<sub>2</sub>; or

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

32 (new): A method of promoting the release of growth hormone in a subject in need thereof, which comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound according to claim 18 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

33 (new): A method of promoting the release of insulin in a subject in need thereof, which comprises administering to

said subject an effective amount of a compound according to claim 18 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

34 (new): A method of enhancing wound healing in a subject in need thereof, which comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound according to claim 18 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

35 (new): A method of promoting angiogenesis in a subject in need thereof, which comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound according to claim 18 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

36 (new): A method of imaging cells having somatostatin receptors which comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 18 having Tyr(I).

37 (new): A method of eliciting an antagonist effect from a somatostatin receptor in a subject, which comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound according to claim 18 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

38 (new): A method of promoting the release of growth hormone in a subject in need thereof, which comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound according to claim 23 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

39 (new): A method of promoting the release of insulin in a subject in need thereof, which comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound according to claim 23 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

40 (new): A method of enhancing wound healing in a subject in need thereof, which comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound according to claim 23 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

41 (new): A method of promoting angiogenesis in a subject in need thereof, which comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound according to claim 23 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

42 (new): A method of imaging cells having somatostatin receptors which comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 23 having Tyr(I).

43 (new): A method of eliciting an antagonist effect from a somatostatin receptor in a subject, which comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound according to claim 23 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.